GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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Shortage of Equipment and Cables
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL is facing shortage of telephone instrument and cables in Kerala circle;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the new landline subscribers are not being provided with instruments by BSNL and asked to buy their own instrument and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has proposed to provide free Wi-Fi facility in the cities of Kerala and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to(c) It is reported by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) that there is no shortage of telephone instruments and cables in Kerala circle. Subscribers are not asked by BSNL to buy telephone instrument on their own. The new landline subscribers are provided with telephone instrument @ Rs. 600/- by BSNL which is saved by the subscriber if he chooses to procure his own instrument.

(d) BSNL is setting up Wi-Fi Hotspots on pan-India basis (except in Delhi and Mumbai) at selected locations which are technically feasible and financially viable. As on 30.06.2017, BSNL has provided 234 Wi-Fi Hotspots at 132 locations in Kerala circle.

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